

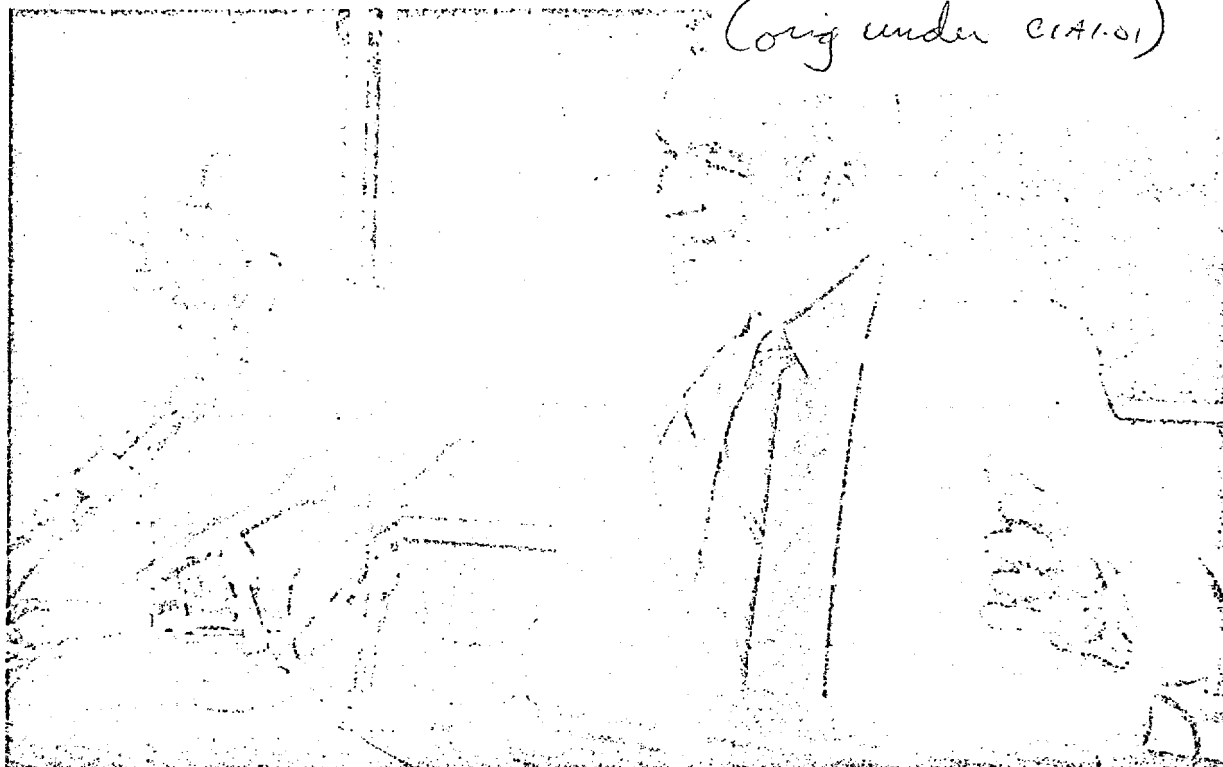
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CIA Director Stansfield Turner spoke Thursday at Mershon Center on the agency's world involvement

and national policy-making effects.

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CIA's Turner defends agency's campus actions

By Michael T. Kapsa

The director of the CIA, Stansfield Turner, spoke at Ohio State Thursday in defense of his agency's use of academic scholars and said that he was here to keep those relationships "going strong."

Relationships between the CIA and faculty members should be no different than any other relationship a professor may enter into, Turner said during an afternoon conference with members of the media at Mershon Center, 199 W. 10th Ave.

Turner, a navy career officer, was at Ohio State as part of a continuing tour of college campuses. He has spoken on numerous campuses around the country for the past year.

Throwing little new light on the MK-Ultra project, Turner reaffirmed that Ohio State was not one of the

campuses where actual drug testing had been done. According to Turner, the problem on this campus was that university officials did not know that faculty members were involved in the project in the 1950s and '60s.

University administrators learned of the MK-Ultra project in September 1977 when the CIA released heavily edited documents that showed OSU was involved, along with 79 other institutions. The project, sponsored by the CIA, involved chemical experimentation on humans. It is believed to have been done with mind-altering drugs.

Defending the secrecy that surrounds past CIA activity, Turner said, "when you make a confidential relationship you cannot disclose everything."

However, he said, the agency has been trying to be more open and help

people understand what it does.

"There is no way we can give the public total scrutiny," he said. He added that this was one of the reasons oversight committees were recently established to keep tabs on U.S. intelligence agencies.

Turner criticized former CIA agents who have written books concerning their careers with the agency. Many of these agents did not consult with CIA officials before publishing their books and subsequently, confidential materials believed to have endangered existing intelligence operations have been released.

The oversight committees were also formed to handle these complaints, Turner said, but he added, "I have yet to find one whistle-blower who has gone through the oversight procedures."